

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-19 are pending in the above-identified application. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

The specification has been amended herein to correct typographical errors.

In the claims, claim 2 has been cancelled and claims 1, 4-5, 15-16, and 19 amended.

No new matter is being introduced by the present amendment to the specification or claims.

For example, amended claim 1 now includes limitations previously recited in claim 2, with (A), (B) and (C) now being recited, and (viii-e) and (viii-f) have been deleted therefrom. Claim 4 has been amended into an independent format. The placing of the word optionally has been slightly revised in claim 16 to better reflect the instant invention, and the dependency of claims 5, 15 and 19 has been revised.

CONCLUSION

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

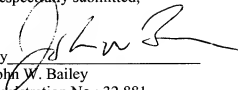
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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